

ABSTRACT

A protective agent for printed matters obtained by printing with water-based inks. It comprises: at least 50% low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent based on all solvents and an oleophilic resin soluble therein. The proportion of the low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent to the oleophilic resin is from 97/3 to 40/60 by weight. The low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent has a boiling point of 50 to 110°C. Example of the low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent include pentane, hexane, heptane, octane, and hexamethylsiloxane. Example of the oleophilic resin include acrylic ester copolymer resins, silicone-acrylic resins, methyl phenyl silicone resins, and 1,2-polybutadiene elastomers.